



The Children's  
Christmas Party  
of Jacksonville

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## The Children's Christmas Party of Jacksonville Saturday, December 11, 2010

*Party to be Held at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center From  
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or Earlier if All Toys Are Distributed*

- **The Children's Christmas Party of Jacksonville is the largest one-day toy giveaway in the area.** New toys will be given out to as many as 10,000 children on Saturday, December 11, 2010.
- The Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center is located at 1000 Water St, Jacksonville, Florida, 32202.
- Throughout the Party, each child will receive several new, good quality toys and a chance to win a new bike with helmet.
- This event is open to children ages 12 and younger. **This Party is only for children who might not otherwise receive gifts for Christmas.** Admission is first come, first serve and participants wait in line. No application is necessary.
- The success of this event depends on the generous donations of over 30 sponsor companies as well as Jacksonville's generous citizens.
  - Through corporate sponsorship gifts, employee donations and fundraising events, **Mayo Clinic** has become our largest corporate sponsor contributing nearly \$30,000, including money raised for the Bike Depot.
- **The Party is a great photo opportunity.** This event starts at 9 a.m. with a ribbon cutting by Mayor John Peyton. The Party features appearances by Jaxson de Ville and Santa and Mrs. Claus. The children enter the exhibit hall to the sounds of Bishop Kenny High School Choir, Band and Drum Corps.
- This huge event fills the entire main exhibit hall of the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center (100,000 sq. ft).
- More than 700 volunteers from sponsor companies, local schools, U.S. Marines and the U.S. Navy Reservists set up the convention center the week prior to the party (December 8 to 10, 2010). These groups along with other entertainment groups (i.e. Stage Aurora 100 Youth Inspiration Voices) donate their time and talent on Party Day.
- Most of the toys are purchased from Namco, Inc., a wholesale toy company. Ja-Ru, Inc., a rack toy company located in Jacksonville, donates over 150,000 toys to the event. Bikes and helmets are purchased from Wal-Mart Mandarin Store. The "Toys for Tots" program also gives thousands of toys and books to the Party.
- If any toys are left over, they will be donated to the Salvation Army and Hope Worldwide toy giveaway programs for donation to more families during the 2008 Holiday Season.
- **For more information or an interview, call Diane at 904-504-3589 (please DO NOT publish this number).**